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YEOVIL COLLEGE GAINS RESPECT ACCREDITATION

Yeovil College is delighted to announce that its Student Support Services Team has received the Respect quality accreditation for its sexual health advisory services.

The certificate was awarded to the Team by the Somerset Primary Care Trust following an independent assessment which looked at confidentiality, advice, support and signposting.

The aim of the Respect accreditation is to highlight services which welcome young people and understand their particular needs. It gives them an easy way of identifying good quality services which are welcoming to all, confidential, non-judgemental, trustworthy and provided by friendly staff.

The College's Student Support Services Team currently provides students with a range of sexual health advice and support services, including the Somerset NHS C-Card Scheme, which distributes free condoms to young people, Chlamydia screening and support and signposting for unplanned pregnancy.

Team Leader Ruth Morgan said *"We are delighted to receive this award and hope that it highlights the level of service available to students at the College. We are fortunate to have a hard-working and dedicated team available to listen to and support our students. This award is an excellent way to make it easier for young people to find appropriate services, especially as they may be very worried or stressed about their sexual health problems. We are delighted to be part of the scheme and hope that it will encourage young people to get help and advice when they need it."*

For more information on the support available to Yeovil College students, please visit www.yeovil.ac.uk.

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Notes to Editors

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Respect Award – For information on the Respect award, please visit www.somersetcsh.co.uk/Pages/19/What-is-the-Respect-Award-.html.

Photograph shows (l-r) the advisory team which received the Respect quality accreditation. (l-r) Jess Churchill (Student Support Advisor), Ruth Morgan (Student Support Services Team Leader) and Nina Perry (Student Support Assistant).